

Washington, DC – This morning, Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis announced that San Antonio Youth Centers has been chosen to receive \$100,000 in the competitive Green Capacity Building grant program, created as part of the [American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009](#). Congressman Charlie Gonzalez (TX-20) and Secretary of Labor Hilda Solis congratulated San Antonio Youth Centers on this honor.

“Job creation was a key component of the recovery act, and I am thrilled to hear that San Antonio Youth Centers will be using this money to help seventy young San Antonians to prepare for new careers in growing industries,” said Congressman Gonzalez. “This program will help these young adults to turn their lives around, revitalizing their lives as they re-energize our community.”

“Today’s announcement is part of the Administration’s long-term commitment to fostering both immediate economic growth and a clean energy future. It’s an investment that will help American workers do well while doing good,” said Secretary Solis. “These grants provide an immediate return, and they are the beginning of a larger green initiative that will lead to increased job placements and promote economic growth.”

The \$100,000 SAYC will receive is the maximum award under the grant program for programs that helps make people in the hardest hit communities [“prepared to meet the needs of our country’s expanding green industries.”](#)

San Antonio Youth Centers will partner with local organizations, including San Antonio Water Systems and the San Antonio Independent School District, to employ and train high school dropout for careers in construction, smart grid technology, and renewable energy.

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